

**Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**August 5, 2015**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:58 by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn**

**In Attendance:**

Dave Colteryahn, chair  
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair  
Tom Nault  
Rita Rings  
Gwen Ritchie  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

**Absent:**

Veronica Craig  
Becky Montag  
Two positions remain open following resignations

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the July 1, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles**

Rita presented an article which she had previously emailed to the members. It was from an Ohio State Alumni publication and featured the contribution trees make to that campus.

Rita also presented an article in which the Ohio EPA recognized the City of Fairfield for its efforts in water protection.

Greg mentioned the significant loss of trees on campus at Eastern Kentucky University. They donated the wood to Berea College.

Dave said that Penn State University had lost many trees due to elm wilt. The wood was being made into special furniture to sell to offset the cost of taking down the trees and planting new ones.

Tom presented a Journal-News article about the cost and causes of dead and dying trees.

**Hours spent on EC Activities:**

Dave/1, Greg/1.5, Tom/4, Rita/1, Gwen/1.

The plan is for Roni and Becky's July hours to be reported at the September meeting.

**Adopt-A-Roadway**

Roni is responsible for July/August.

### **Parks Board Report**

Bob reported that City Council has approved an upgraded replacement shelter for Point Pleasant Park and for Waterworks Park.

### **Parks Department Report**

Bob reported that the Harbin Park update proposals were scheduled for review on August 17. One of three contractors will be chosen to move the project forward.

A giant sycamore tree fell at Creekside Park. A large section of the hollow trunk will remain on the unmown side of the walking path. One of the Natorp gift trees was destroyed by the sycamore.

The impact of the Huffman Park milkweed project has so far been difficult to assess.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Several potential nominees for the Friends of Fairfield Forest award were discussed.

### **Other Business**

Tom indicated that he had signed up to attend the 2015 SW Ohio Summer Conclave field day specially designed for Tree Commission Academy participants. The meeting will be held in Wilmington, Ohio on August 11. The program is entitled 'Tree Identification Walk & Tour.'

### **Calendar**

Parks Board meeting—August 18 at 6:00 pm at Marsh Lake  
Environmental Commission meeting—September 2 at 6:00 pm at the Community Arts Center  
Tree Commission Academy meeting/Junior Year—September 21 and 22 in Hamilton

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:35**